

WHY THE NEW HAVEN ROAD CAN'T HANDLE ITS FREIGHT BUSINESS

Mechanical Equipment, Sadly Needing Repairs, is Run Down Because Mechanics, Under Paid, Have Found Employment Elsewhere—Rotten Foundation of the Structure Reared Under Mellen Regime Crumbles and Leaves New England Shippers in Sorry Plight.

The freight tie-up in Bridgeport is said, by men familiar with the situation, to be due to gross inefficiency, coupled with inadequate side track facilities and an insufficient supply of labor, which is employed at wages decidedly under the market in Bridgeport.

The side tracks are insufficient, not only because of their position, but because they are too frequently not arranged for the convenient movement of empties.

The siding along Housatonic avenue is a case in point. Here it is difficult for teams to get up to the cars to unload them. When three or four cars have been unloaded, it may be necessary to move everything on the siding in order to get the empties out.

In the freight house materials are frequently unloaded without regard to convenience, and, often in such away that the shipper cannot get at his goods, or finds his goods so scattered that he cannot assemble them for convenient loading.

A great deal of the trouble dates back to the recent strike of freight handlers, when many experienced men went to other work, who were replaced with labor of a less experienced kind.

To move freight in Bridgeport, the railroad needs more and better help. To obtain this help it must meet the current rate of wages paid in this neighborhood.

It needs more headwork in receiving and arranging freight unloaded into the freight house. More executive ability is needed to make the best use of sidings.

More sidings are needed, and those in being need to be made more accessible, and ought to be arranged so that empties can be handled without moving scores of loaded cars.

As a result of a 36 hour a week policy in the employment of machinists, the company is said to have lost, within a few months, many of its most efficient men, who have gone into the larger factories for larger wages and shorter hours.

It has been increasingly difficult to keep up the rolling stock, and the percentage of defects in locomotives, by poor braking, or otherwise, has caused the Federal inspectors, working for the Interstate Commerce Commission, to require their repair as a condition of their further use.

All of the troubles of the road date to the necessities imposed by its lavish expenditure made necessary by many years of effort to pay interest and dividends on great volumes of securities, issued by the hundreds of millions for purposes not connected with the steam road business.

The steam road owned and operated by the New Haven Co. does a great, growing and profitable business. But millions of dollars of these revenues are alienated to meet interest or dividend payments upon paper issued for purposes in no way connected with the transportation of freight, and passengers, over the steam road.

CHAUFFEUR OF DEATH CAR DESCRIBES PLOT TO MURDER DR. MOHR

Frank Healis, Who Has Turned State's Evidence, Gives Graphic Story That Implicates Himself, Mrs. Mohr and Two Negro Accomplices.

Says He Was Afraid to Carry Out His Part of Intrigue on Night Before Murder—Says Mrs. Mohr Directed All Activities.

Providence, Jan. 20.—The state played one of its big cards today in the trial of Mrs. Elizabeth P. Mohr, and C. Victor Brown and Henry R. Spellman, her alleged accomplices, on the charge of murdering Dr. C. Franklin Mohr.

Frank Healis, the chauffeur who turned state's evidence, told graphically on the witness stand how he had aided in the alleged plot that resulted in Dr. Mohr's death and the injury of his secretary, Miss Emily Burger. Healis had just started his story when court adjourned yesterday.

In resuming his testimony today, Healis said that on the night of August 27 he was urged by Brown to go with him to Mrs. Mohr's house and that he did so. Mrs. Mohr, he said, was alone when they arrived.

"Mrs. Mohr asked Brown how things were," Healis testified, "and Brown said O. K. She asked where we were going to pull it off. She thought it would be better on the Newport side because she knew all the police of Newport. Mrs. Mohr finally said she would leave that to us. She said, 'All you've got to do, George, is to stop the car.' She told Brown he would get \$5,000 that I was to get \$2,000 and Spellman \$1,000."

"I told Mrs. Mohr I didn't want to (Continued on Page 2.)"

MEXICANS THREATEN AMERICANS

El Paso, Jan. 20.—About four thousand Mexicans are operating near Torreon, shouting for Felix Diaz and declaring Carranza adherents and Americans are to be killed, and all property stolen, according to reports of arrivals from Torreon today. About three hundred Carranza troops are at Torreon. A week ago they had taken the field against the malcontents, it was said.

Washington, Jan. 20.—Major General Funston reported today that in the fight of a detachment of U. S. cavalrymen and Mexican bandits near Doyle's Wells, N. M., Tuesday, none of the soldiers were injured, although they were fired upon by Mexicans and one of their horses was killed.

Girl, 18 Years Old, Leaves Home Because Peace Dove Is Gone

Ethel Gilbert, aged 18, of 267 Bunhill street, missing from home since Saturday, has been located living with the family of Joseph Farnan in Eastford, Conn.

She has communicated her location to her parents but will not return to her home in this city until peace has been restored at home, she writes.

THE WEATHER
Rain or snow tonight and Friday, warmer; increasing south winds.

DOGE OWNS ALL BUT TINY SHARE OF ARMS PLANTS

Certificate of Incorporation Discloses Names of Stockholders.

ONLY 60 SHARES OF COMMON STOCK OUT

Dodge Owns 600,000 Shares of Preferred, and 599,940 Common Stock.

Marcellus Hartley Dodge owns all of the 400,000 shares of preferred stock and all but 60 of the 600,000 shares of the common stock of Remington Arms-Union Metallic Cartridge Company which was incorporated last week for \$60,000,000. A certificate of organization, filed today at the office of the secretary of state, shows the following stockholders:

Marcellus Hartley Dodge, of New York, 40,000 shares of preferred stock and 133,540 shares of common stock; James L. Banks, Jr., Reginald Bloom, Chauncey B. Garver, George P. Hingham and Henry Hoffman, of New York, ten shares each of common stock; Frederick W. Jackson and C. L. Ralston, of New York, five shares each of common stock.

The officials of the company, according to the return made today, are: President—Marcellus Hartley Dodge.

Vice-president—Samuel F. Pryor, of Greenwich.

Treasurer and Secretary—George Hingham.

Assistant treasurers—C. W. Many, of New York; William H. Nolan, of Bridgeport.

Directors—Marcellus Hartley Dodge, George Hingham, Chauncey B. Garver, Henry Hoffman, C. L. Ralston, of New York; Samuel F. Pryor, of Greenwich; and William H. Lawrence, of Bridgeport.

For the stock, nothing has been paid in cash, but \$50,000,000 has been paid in other than cash.

The company, incorporated last week, is to carry on the business of the Remington Arms Co. and the Union Metallic Cartridge Co. of this city. In addition to the manufacture of military weapons and ammunition, the company is authorized to engage in the manufacture of automobiles and bicycles.

The stock—hot one, but a whole flock of them—visited Bridgeport today, bringing with them a baby to gladden two hearts in the West End. They had a hard time keeping the new arrival from hanging its shins against the chimney tops. It had awfully long shins. Most mothers and fathers would have been ashamed of such shins in an offspring, but the West End couple. For, you see, their own shins are longer than their child's and they don't mind showing them either.

The struggling stork skinned the house tops of the city, or bumped into them as the case may be, until they arrived at the Barnum & Bailey winter quarters with Phineas T., who is a speckled beauty. Not a trout by any means, because they don't keep trout at the winter quarters, but one of the handsomest looking giraffe babies ever seen.

Phineas T., the son of Mafy, is the biggest baby in Bridgeport. Besides this it has the distinction of being the only offspring ever known, born of a giraffe that was also born in captivity.

It may be needless to say that the youngster was named after the late P. T. Barnum. Two years ago Anna Louise was born at the winter quarters and was named for Charles R. Hutchinson's daughter. Harry was born four years ago and his arrival created a sensation. He was named after Charles Hutchinson's son.

The arrival occurred at 10:30 o'clock. Dr. W. J. Southey assisted the stork. "Andy," who knows more among giraffes than any living man, was nurse.

Phineas T. will be a big help to his family. He's pretty big now—five feet tall.

FORTY CONVICTS GET FREEDOM IN BIG JAIL BREAK

Little Rock, Ark., Jan. 20.—Between 20 and 40 convicts escaped from the state penal farm at Cummins, Ark., 50 miles from here, early this morning, according to advices received at the offices of the penitentiary commission here today.

LEAVES \$679,485 ESTATE

Hartford, Jan. 20.—One of the largest inventories of estate filed in the probate court here in some time was that of Mrs. Eliza T. Smith, recorded today and amounting to \$679,485. Most of it is in gilt-edge stock holdings. She was the widow of one of the founders of Smith-Worthington Co. and left by will many thousands of dollars to charitable institutions and missions.

KING CONSTANTINE PROTESTS ACTIONS OF ALLIES IN GREECE; NATION'S PLIGHT LIKE BELGIUM'S

PROPERTY IMPROVEMENTS WILL FOLLOW COUNCIL'S APPROVAL OF ELM STREET LENGTHENING

The new Elm street extension planned in the common council last Monday, has already resulted in improvements. It was learned today that the William P. Kirk Co., plumbers and steamfitters, who are doing a national business, have outgrown their present quarters at 260 Fairfield avenue and will build a large factory for their accommodation.

Plans are being sketched for a three story brick structure, 118x150 feet to front on the new street, directly back of the present police station. The lot to be utilized is directly behind the Golden Hill hotel. It is expected that the factory front will be ornamental and that in addition to offices on the lower floor, a modern workshop will comprise the lower and two top floors.

The success of the Kirk Co. in bidding for contracts throughout the United States is said to have brought much business to this city.

Erwin M. Jennings of 475 Washington avenue, who recently acquired the old Keeler block on Harrison street between the Golden Hill hotel and Fairfield avenue, stated today that he had not yet made plans for the improvement of the property.

The property has a large frontage on Harrison street and at present consists of a low rambling three story structure consisting of five separate divisions occupied as living apartments and for store purposes. There are wide lawns in front of the row.

ASSESSORS UNABLE TO FURNISH GRAND LIST FIGURES, KEATING PROCEEDS WITHOUT THEIR HELP

City Auditor Bernard Keating will submit his recommendations to the board of apportionment and taxation when the preliminary meeting is called next week. This is the fourth successive year under Republican rule of the city in which the tax assessors have failed to furnish the city auditor with a comprehensive outline of what the grand tax list might be.

Considering the many years he has been in public service and the watch he has kept on the growth of the city and the growth of property values, City Auditor Keating will make his own report. This afternoon, after several years past Mr. Keating has been obliged to perform this duty without help of the four assessors.

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RECOVERS SENSES AFTER 115 HOURS' UNCONSCIOUSNESS

Unconscious for 115 hours after being struck by a jitney at Barnum and a bus and William street, Saturday afternoon, John Johnson, aged 19, of 14 Armstrong place, recovered consciousness at Bridgeport hospital at 1 o'clock this afternoon.

His condition has taken a sudden change for the better and it was reported at the hospital this afternoon that his recovery is now expected.

Moulton Wins Over Adams in Contest For C. N. G. Surgeon

Hartford, Jan. 20.—Major Edward Moulton of New Haven was today declared elected chief surgeon of the medical corps, Connecticut National Guard, to succeed the late Major, Dr. Joseph H. Townsend of New Haven. The votes were counted at the adjutant general's office at the state armory. Nineteen officers of the medical corps voted with the following result: "Major Moulton, 10; Major Paul Wateman, Hartford, 5; Major Frederick J. Adams, Bridgeport, 4."

The new chief surgeon was appointed to the service in March, 1911.

MILL WORKERS GET INCREASE

Pittsfield, Mass., Jan. 20.—Voluntary increases of five per cent. in wages have been granted employees of the Pontabow Manufacturing Company. Russell Manufacturing Company, and James and E. H. Wilson Woolen Mills, effective Monday.

Gives Associated Press Interview That 'United States May Know How Greeks View Entente's Seizure of Possessions—Says People Are Growing Unfriendly to Allies' Cause—Believes That War Will Result in "A Draw."

The King of Greece on last Thursday summoned The Associated Press correspondent in Athens for the purpose of making a protest through the press of the United States, which he said was the only form of public opinion open to him, against the recent action of the allies in their operations at Saloniki and blowing up the bridge at Demir Hissar, in occupying Corfu and other islands which Greece claims. He said the plea of military necessity advanced by the allies was like that given by Germany for invading Belgium, Luxembourg.

The interview with the King was transmitted from Athens on Jan. 13 but was sent out from Paris only on Jan. 18 at 3:45 p. m.

At an earlier hour, the highest French authority on personality is not otherwise indicated—gave an interview to the Associated Press in reply to the statements made by the Greek King.

PROTESTS "HIGH-HANDED" CAMPAIGN OF ENTENTE

Athens, Jan. 20.—King Constantine sent for the Associated Press correspondent in order to express through the newspapers of the United States, as he said, his profound indignation against what he termed "the unheeded high-handedness of the recent action of the allies toward Greece."

King Constantine was greatly moved as he recited "one after the other the long list of what he called "the allied encroachment on the sovereignty of Greece culminating in the occupation of Corfu and the blowing up of the bridge at Demir Hissar."

"It is the present cart," said the King, "for Great Britain and France to talk about the violation of the neutrality of Belgium and Luxembourg after what they themselves have done and are doing here. I have tried in every way I know to get fair play in the British and French press and to obtain a fair hearing from the British and French public."

"No sooner had the British newspapers attacked Greece with the most amazing perversion of fact and misrepresentation of motives than I called 'one of their correspondents and gave him face to face a full statement of Greece's position. I have given a frank statement to the French newspapers which had been bitterly attacking Greece. The only forum of public opinion open to me is that of the United States."

"The situation is far too vital for me to care a snap about royal dignity in the matter of interviews when the very life of Greece as an independent country is at stake. I shall appeal to American opinion and, if necessary, for that fair hearing which is denied to me by the countries of the allies."

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MONTENEGRINS RESUME WAR AGAINST TEUTONS; DERBY CLASSES CALLED

Rome, Jan. 20.—(Via London, 1:34 p. m.)—Fighting between Austria and Montenegro has been resumed. Montenegro notified Italy officially of this fact today.

Montenegro's decision was communicated to the foreign office from the Montenegrin premier. The note is to the effect that King Nicholas and the Montenegrin government have rejected all terms offered by Austria and that fighting already has been resumed along the whole front.

King Nicholas remains with his army to organize the defenses of the country.

London, Jan. 20.—General Aylmer's force of British troops was yesterday in close touch with the Turkish position at Esin, and consequently was seven miles from Kut-el-Amara, in Mesopotamia, where a British force has been surrounded by the Turks.

ANDREW L. RIKER IS INVENTOR OF ENGINE CONTROL

Has Revolutionary Device For Regulating Internal Combustion Machines.

Andrew L. Riker, head of the Locomobile Co. of America, a member of the Naval Advisory Board today was credited by the United States patent office with another novel device for the controlling of internal combustion engines. His patent issued under serial No. 890,418, has been assigned to the local automobile company.

A description of the device in the current issue of the patent office gazette shows that Mr. Riker controls the speed of the engine through an accelerator, governor and connecting means which may or may not be affixed to the steering wheel.

It is said by experts to be far in advance of any such invention of modern times and that its power and efficiency both as an accelerator and retarder of engine speeds will be adopted by nearly every manufacturer of gas engines.

Other patents issued to Bridgeporters this week include Charles S. Barnard, assistant superintendent of the Burns & Baswick Co., lubricating device; Clifford W. Marsh, secretary of the Bridgeport Land & Title Co., snap link for chains; George B. Thomas, master mechanic of the Bryant Electric Co., new electric switch.

MAY DISMISS MIDDIES

Washington, Jan. 20.—Recommendations for the dismissal of Francis J. Kelley, Jr., of Brooklyn, and Thomas H. Davis, of South Carolina, from the Naval academy were placed today before President Wilson. A court-martial found them guilty of infractions of rules.

SHIPYARD IS SOLD.

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